



YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

District Newsletter

Week of October 30, 2023

Upcoming Dates

Monday, November 6th
Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 7th
No School for Students/Election Day

Thursday, November 16th
Estabrook's Festival of Cultures
5:30pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, November 21st
Thanksgiving Appreciation Luncheon
ACCE High School

November 22-24
No School - Thanksgiving Break

Click the links below for the calendar and school website.

2023-24 School Calendar

District Website

YCHS Food Pantry

Perishables
Non-Perishables
Toiletries



Open every school day
7:30am-2:30pm

Available for Ypsilanti residents,
students, or staff.

Temerson6@ycschool.us or (734) 221-1014
with any questions or concerns.

District Leadership

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross
Superintendent

Dr. Carlos Lopez
Assistant Superintendent

Sue McCarty
Human Resources

Damien Butler
Director of Business & Finance

Dear Grizzly Families,

As we enter the month of November, we kick off the season of gratitude and thanks. I am so grateful to serve as your Superintendent. These first months of school have been exceptional. I have enjoyed seeing our scholars growing and engaged in learning.

Last week, we received the exciting news that we were the only school district in Michigan to be awarded the Magnet School Assistance Program Grant. I am so thrilled about the new learning experiences we will be able to offer.

I hope you had a chance to check in with your child's teachers at Fall Conferences. If you missed conferences, reach out to your child's teachers. I'm sure they are eager to connect with you.

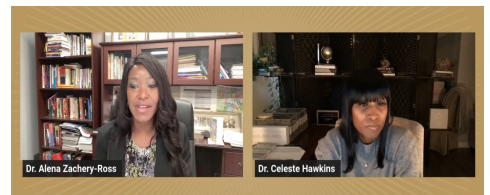
Thank you for your support,

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross Superintendent of Schools

New Video Series - Stronger Together!

Join our Superintendent Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross, as she speaks with voices across the school community in our new video series - **Stronger Together!**

[Click here](#) to view our first episode. Dr. Zachery-Ross is joined by Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Board President, for an informative discussion on the 10-year anniversary of our district and new programs that have been implemented to support student growth.



YCMS students attending school Book Fair!



Erickson staff and students presenting Points of Pride at the October Board Meeting!



YCHS Cosmetology students at Beautiful Luxe Salon!



Perry ELC students learning to play the piano!



ACCE students in Monopoly Economics Class!



Ford ELC Field Trip to Exotic Zoo!





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Toyota STEM Game YCS vs LCS

We are proud to be a member of Toyota's Driving Possibilities partnership. This collaborative partnership between Toyota, Eastern Michigan University, and Washtenaw Intermediate School District will help prepare our students for careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Through this partnership, we hosted a **"Driving Possibilities"** event during our home football game against Lincoln. The event included a robotics showcase, a variety of STEM-based activities, food, treats and a performance by our incredible Ypsilanti Community High School band. Topping off the festivities was a celebration of the senior student-athletes on our football team. It was truly an event filled with fun and community for all. Our partners for the event included Toyota Driving Possibilities, Detroit Science Center, WCC, EMU, YCS Central Office, One Pose Photo Booth, Restoration Outreach Ministries, SEMIS, Toyota R&D, YCHS & LHS Robotics Teams, and Print Giants. We thank them for their ongoing dedication to our student's success. Because of their collaboration, as well as the wonderful support we receive from our entire community, we are stronger together!



Volunteers hard at work at the YCS Resiliency Center! Thank you!

BECOME A CNA!
FREE COLLEGE
APPLICATIONS NOW
AVAILABLE FOR WINTER
See your YCHS counselor or
Ms. Smyth 401



HELP YCS RAISE AWARENESS

The month of November is dedicated to raising awareness about homelessness. We want to provide the families of YCS with information they will need to combat this national crisis.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
DRIVES AT EACH YCS
SCHOOL TO DONATE
TO THOSE IN NEED
THE WEEK OF:
NOV 13-17, 2023

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Gloves & Socks &
Undergarments

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hoodies & Undergarments

HIGH SCHOOL

Hoodies & Undergarments



THERE IS A GROWING NUMBER OF
PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE
HOMELESSNESS IN
WASHTENAW COUNTY



All donations will be dropped off to the school's office. Donations will be dispersed appropriately. We thank you for your participation in advance!

RCTC Thanksgiving SIDES AND BAKED GOODS MENU

RCTC Culinary Arts
Pick-Up Nov 21st 9am-4pm
(no orders after Nov 15th)
2100 Ellsworth Rd.

Help Support RCTC Competition Teams

- Traditional Thanksgiving Sides (Frozen and ready to heat and serve)
- Cornbread Stuffing with Cranberries and Bacon (9x13 pan Serves 8-10) \$27
- Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes with Butter and Roasted Garlic (9x13 pan Serves 8-10) \$17
- Scalloped Yukon Gold Potatoes with Cheddar Cheese (9x13 pan Serves 8-10) \$23
- Maple and Brown Sugar Oven Roasted Butternut Squash (9x13 pan Serves 8-10) \$18
- Classic Green bean Casserole (9x13 pan Serves 8-10) \$23
- Caramelized Brussels with Olive Oil and Hazelnuts (9x13 pan Serves 8-10) *Vegan/Gluten Free \$25
- Oven roasted Curry Cauliflower (9x13 pan Serves 8-10) *Vegan/Gluten Free \$19
- Orange and Cranberry Relish (serves 4-6 1 pint) \$10 *Vegan/Gluten Free
- Mac and Three Cheeses (9x13 pan Serves 8-10) \$26

Bakery Items *Defrost and serve

- Sea Salt Knotted Rolls (1 Doz.) \$6
- Soft Milk Bread Rolls (8 rolls) \$6
- Mini Lemon Tart *Gluten Free 4 inch tart \$5
- Classic Pumpkin Pie \$12
- Cream Stuffed eclairs with Chocolate Drizzle (1/2 doz) \$14
- Cinnamon Rolls (1/2 doz) \$10

Bakery Items Ready to Bake

- Lattice Top Apple or Cherry Pie \$14
- Lattice Top Fruits of the Forest (Mixed Fruit) \$17

Cookie Dough

- Frozen and Ready to Bake Chocolate Chip \$7/Doz
- Snickers Doodle \$7/Doz
- Double Chocolate \$8/Doz
- Peanut Butter \$7/Doz
- Oatmeal Raisin \$7/Doz
- Chocolate Cherry \$8/Doz

Order Here

RCTC Annual Fundraiser
Place your orders!



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Here's what's happening in the community



YMCA Infant Room Grand Opening!

the Y The Collaborative: Ypsilanti YMCA Child Development Center

INFANT CARE

NOW ENROLLING!
Providing quality, affordable childcare in East Washtenaw County.

- Serving ages 6 weeks-14 months
- 3-5 day options available

LEARN MORE

The Collaborative: Ypsilanti YMCA Child Development Center | 111 S Wallace Boulevard, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

the Y FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENTSM FOR HEALTHY LIVING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

A GREAT END TO THE DAY!

Evening Care for Children 5-12 years old (Fifth Grade)
THE COLLABORATIVE: YPSILANTI YMCA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
111 South Wallace Boulevard, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

- The Ypsilanti YMCA Child Development Center is now open two evenings/week on Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30pm-9:30pm. Dinner is included.
- Registration is \$10 for EMU students, \$25 for Ypsilanti community members and waived for current Ypsilanti YMCA Child Development Center families.

OPENING 10/30/2023
PRICING FOR TWO-WEEK PERIOD:
Financial assistance is available.

- 5 years old-5th grade:
- Two evenings \$130
- One evening \$67

For more information, please visit:

Engage @ EMU Ann Arbor YMCA

Questions? Contact Donetta Mazyck, Child Development Center Director at dmazyck@annarborymca.org (734.661.8045) or Assistant Director Taylor Gevaert at tgevaert@annarbormca.org (734.661.8066)

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Education First **YCS** **engage@emu** **YHCC** YPSILANTI HOUSING COMMISSION

M MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Upcoming Events

Scientist Spotlight featuring The Buzz on Sweet Foods Family Day
Sunday, November 12, 2023
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Scientist Spotlight: Only for the curious! Visit with University of Michigan scientists from a variety of fields and participate in engaging, hands-on activities to learn about their cutting-edge research.

Family Day: The Buzz on Sweet Foods: Get your taste buds ready for some science! Discover how sugar and the senses affect our brains through a variety of hands-on experiments and activities. Can you tell the difference between real sugar and artificial sweeteners? Can you identify candy flavors with your nose plugged? Play games and learn about cutting-edge research from U-M neuroscientists. Participants will receive the comic book, Sugar Buzz, to continue tasty explorations at home!

Free and open to the public. Suitable for upper elementary through adult visitors. Made possible with support from the National Science Foundation.

Scientist Spotlight
Saturday, December 2, 2023
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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For Parking and Directions visit umnh.org
734-764-0478

Scan for more events!

LOOKING TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL?

LOOKING FOR A HIGHER PAYING JOB??

ARE YOU...

ADVANCE YPSI

Do you reside in 48197 or 48198?

Education & Training

Financial support for tuition & fees!

High-wages & High-demand jobs

Think About...

- Welding
- Cybersecurity
- Automotive Servicing
- Automation
- Auto Body Repair
- Computer Networking

Potential paid internships, apprenticeships, job shadowing; and so much more.

Join us for a Zoom Information Session

Wednesday, November 1, 2023	Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Time: 12p-1p	Time: 6p-7p
Zoom Link to Register: https://rb.gy/7flew8	Zoom Link to Register: https://rb.gy/4v4w
Wednesday, November 15, 2023	Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Time: 12p-1p	Time: 6p-7p
Zoom Link to Register: https://rb.gy/qox57	Zoom Link to Register: https://rb.gy/h6rry

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity please contact us by email at advanceypsi@wccnet.edu or visit our website at www.wccnet.edu/advanceypsi to complete the interest form.

